



## JORDAN RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL

Wednesday February 20th, 2013 –1:30pm to 3:00pm  
Salt Lake County Building Room N2003

### Meeting Minutes

#### Attendees:

Victor Alvares, , Salt Lake Valley Health Department  
Hilary Arens, Utah Dept. of Environmental Quality (DEQ) /Div. of Water Quality  
Jeff Betton, Jordan Valley Water Conservation District  
Lynn Berni, Salt Lake County Watershed Planning and Restoration  
Jared Bowling, Riverton City  
Michael Budig  
Matt Chadwick, Bluffdale City  
Gene Drake, Salt Lake Conservation District  
Dan Drumiler, Salt Lake County  
Melanie Franti, Jordan River Commission  
Shawn Gonzales, Salt Lake Valley Health Department  
Laura Hanson, Jordan River Commission  
Kris Hohenshelt, Emigration Canyon Community Council  
Julie Howe, Stantec  
Ron Lund, Salt Lake Valley Health Department  
Garland Mayne, South Valley Sewer District  
Jorge Mendez, Salt Lake Valley Health Department  
Theron Miller, Jordan River/Farmington Bay Water Quality Council  
Tyler Murdock, Jordan River Commission  
Dennis Pay, South Salt Lake  
Dan Potts, Salt Lake County Fish and Game Association  
Jeff Salt, Salt Lake Waterkeeper  
Flo Shepard, Great Salt lake Audubon  
Sara Rose Tannenbaum, Salt Lake City Corporation  
Anne Terry, Tracy Aviary  
Bob Thompson, Salt Lake County Watershed Planning and Restoration  
Megan Walsh, Salt Lake County Watershed Planning and Restoration  
Ray Wheeler, Earth Restoration

#### Introductions

#### Housekeeping

- Next JRWC Meeting: May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from 9:30-11:00 in room N2003 of the Salt Lake County Government Center
- 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Salt Lake County Watershed Symposium will take place on October 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> at Utah Cultural Celebration Center

**Presentation**-Dan Potts (Salt Lake County Fish and Game Association President), "*Fishes and their Ecology of the Jordan River Basin*"

- (Please refer to attached handout of fish species and the PDF of the presentation available at <http://watershed.slco.org/jrwc/presentations.html>)
- Water Exchanges through projects like the Central Utah Project presents issues with regard to fish species
- Utah Lake is hub of Central Utah Project
- Common carp was introduced into Utah Lake and are destroying the habitat
- Commercial fishermen were hired to help remove carp from Utah Lake. They remove up to 10,000-30,000 pounds/haul of carp. Carp meat goes to landfill but there is a plan to make fishmeal out of it.
- There would be huge economic benefits if Utah becomes a world class fishery
- Fish in lower reach of Jordan River are inedible
- (Jeff Salt) There are over 400,000 licensed anglers in Utah, there is an urgency to restore streams to fishable conditions
- (Ray Wheeler) What are we shooting for as far as each ecosystem
  - (Dan Potts) Don't try to get rid of all of the invasive, best to have a good management plan
  - (Jeff Salt) Make sure to include fish management into watershed management plans

#### **JRWC Survey**

Part 2 of Survey is up, please participate at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KCPCCCM>

#### **Watershed-Wide Project Updates**

Hilary Arens (Utah Division of Water Quality) - 2014 is Jordan River's Basin year. Pre-proposal deadline is in May.

Theron Miller (Jordan River/Farmington Bay Water Quality Council) – 5<sup>th</sup> year of water quality monitoring. Will be testing for CPOM again. Focus more on sediment nitrogen dynamics.